

Town Manager's Office

Town of Mansfield

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Business

- *Special Meeting on NextGenCT Impact Study* – At 6:30 PM in advance of the regular meeting on September 28, 2015, we held a special meeting to answer any remaining questions or comments from the Town Council concerning the impact study for UCONN's NextGenCT initiative. The team of Lee Huang and Ethan Conner-Ross from Econsult participated in the meeting by phone.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- [Community Playground](http://www.mansfieldcommunityplayground.org/lendahand.html) – The Mansfield Community Playground Committee is looking for volunteers to help construct the Mansfield Community Playground on Saturday, October 10, and Sunday, October 11, 2015. The community build is scheduled to take place from 8 AM to 4 PM on both days, with lunch provided to full-day volunteers. Interested persons may sign up at <http://www.mansfieldcommunityplayground.org/lendahand.html>. While volunteers of all skill levels are needed, the committee is seeking persons with experience in construction and other related trades. Volunteers are also needed to assist with food delivery. The committee is tentatively planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for October 31, 2015.

Department Reports

- Town Manager's Office - Please join us in welcoming new and promoted staff members:
 - Kevin Filchak, our student intern with Planning and Development will be joining us for the academic year as our Economic Development "IPP" intern through the UCONN Master of Public Administration Program. He will also be assisting Human Services with special projects this fall. Kevin is a second year student with the UCONN MPA Program.
 - Jeanne Mogayzel is the new Democratic Registrar of Voters as of August 31, 2015.
 - Craig Hodgins began work on September 21st as our Revenue Specialist. Craig recently graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University with a Bachelor's degree in accounting and is pursuing a Master's degree in accounting. He has been working with our Parks and Recreation Department in various positions since 2009.
 - Emily Wilson began work September 22nd as an intern in the Town Manager's Office. Emily is a student in the UCONN Master of Public Administration Program. She has interned for the Town of Putney Vermont's Town Manager's Office and the Windham Regional Commission (Brattleboro, VT).
 - Dee Goodrich begins work on September 28th as the Transportation Coordinator for the Mansfield Downtown Partnership (MDP). Dee will be managing the Town's Nash Zimmer Transportation Center and our Storrs Center ambassadors by contract with MDP. Dee holds a Bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a Master's degree in business administration from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
 - Fred Vanston begins work on October 1st as a part-time firefighter/EMT. Fred has been an active member of the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department since 2008. He holds a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from UMASS.
 - Jared Morse begins work on October 1st as a part-time firefighter/EMT. Jared has been an active member of the Muddy Brook Fire Department since 2004. He holds a Bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Maine.
 - Andrew Howat begins work on October 5th as the new accountant in Finance. Most recently Andy was a senior accountant at Pue, Chick, Leibowitz & Blezzard. Andy holds a Bachelor's degree in accounting from Mount Olive College and a Master's degree in business administration from the University of New Haven.
 - Luther Brauch begins work on October 5th and Jesse Squires on October 13th as laborers for the Public Works Department.

Upcoming Events

- *Storrs Farmers Market* – Storrs Farmers Market is in its 21st season. The Market is open from 3:00 to 6:00PM every Saturday through November 22nd on the front lawn of the Beck Municipal Building (Town Hall). Everything sold at Storrs Farmers Market is grown or produced in Connecticut. Visit www.storrsfarmersmarket.org for more information and to sign up for weekly emails from the Market.
- *Ravine Road Neighborhood Meeting* - Due to safety concerns, the Mansfield Traffic Authority took action in March 2015 to close Ravine Road from Bone Mill Road to #164 Ravine Road to vehicular traffic. The Traffic Authority is inviting interested persons to attend a public informational meeting to be held on October 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. During this session, staff will provide a summary of the safety concerns that we have observed on Ravine Road, potential options for mitigating these safety concerns and an opportunity for interested parties to provide feedback on existing issues and concerns. If residents are unable to attend, comments and concerns may be submitted via e-mail or letter to the Public Works Department at PublicWorks@mansfieldct.org or to Town Hall.
- *Repair Café* - Saturday, October 3, 2015 10 AM to 2 PM, at the First Congregational Church, 199 Valley Street, Willimantic. The Repair Café is a FREE event open to the public. Skilled volunteers will repair – or teach you to repair – your broken item. While you are there, enjoy bake sale refreshments and chat with a neighbor. You must be able to carry your item in and out of the Café. For more information, contact Virginia Walton at 860-429-3333 or waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.
- *Celebrate Walktober!* Enjoy the many free, guided walks and experience the natural, historical and cultural treasures of The Last Green Valley. The complete walk schedule, with directions and descriptions, is available at the Mansfield Community Center and is posted on <http://www.thelastgreenvillage.org/> Below is a listing of WALKTOBER events sponsored by the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee or the Agriculture Committee:
 - Saturday, October 3, 10:00 AM. Games in the Woods at Dunhamtown Forest. Come out and have some family fun while you enjoy one of Mansfield's largest preserves. Directions to Dunhamtown Forest: Head south on Rte. 32 from junction with Rte. 195. At .8 miles past the junction with Rte. 275 turn left onto Mansfield City Rd. At 1.2 miles turn left onto White Oak Rd. The parking lot will be .2 miles up on the left
 - Sunday, October 18, 1:00 PM. Between a Rock and a Marshy Place. (Wolf Rock and Sawmill Brook Preserve). Climb to Wolf Rock and enjoy a spectacular autumn view. Proceed through the Sawmill Brook Preserve to the spectacular Sawmill Brook Marsh. Park at the Wolf Rock Trailhead: going south on Route 195 in Mansfield; make a right onto Brown's Road next to the Congregational Church and near the intersection with Rt. 89. Go up a long hill and at the first fork, take the left onto Crane Hill. The trail is a short way down on the right.
 - Sunday, October 25, 1:00 PM. Exploring Schoolhouse Brook Park. Join us to explore the forest, stone walls, pond and stream as we stroll through the vibrant foliage. Learn about the history and natural systems of Mansfield's oldest Town Park. Park at the Clover Mill Rd Trailhead. From Rte. 195 S (from UConn), right onto Clover Mill, park in lot 0.7 miles on right.
 - Sunday, October 25, 1:00 PM. Vegetables and Vistas (Twin Ponds Farm/Cloverleigh Farm 483 Browns Road). Enjoy the foliage and panoramic views across hundreds of acres of working land. Come hear about hay, firewood, and vegetable production and the preservation and restoration of Twin Ponds Farm. Park at the Barn located at 483 Browns Road, 2 miles from Rt. 32 or from Rt. 195.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Human Service Advisory Committee, September 30, 2015, 3:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board Meeting, October 1, 2015, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Public Information Meeting: Ravine Road, October 1, 2015, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Inland Wetland Agency/Planning & Zoning Commission, October 5, 2015, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, October 6, 2015, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Agriculture Committee, October 6, 2015, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children, October 7, 2015 5:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ad hoc Committee on Police Services, October 8, 2015, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Playground Committee, October 8, 2015, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, October 8, 2015, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, October 9, 2015, 8:10 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Youth Service Advisory Board, October 13, 2015, 12:15 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town-University Relations Committee, October 13, 2015, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee, October 13, 2015, 4:00 PM, Employee Lounge, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Historic District Commission, October 13, 2015, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Town Council, Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building**

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*